# FIND YOUR PRACTICE

WITH VYTAS

A Beginner's Guide to Yoga







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We live in the golden age of yoga. There are hundreds of thousands of yoga studios all over the world and millions of people who practice. Yet, while yoga has become ubiquitous, there are still many people out there who are intimidated to try it or just don't know where to start. That is why I created this program. I wanted to develop a method of learning that truly ANYBODY can access.



When starting your journey of yoga, it is important to be mindful of any injuries or limitations. This practice will help to guide you around many of the roadblocks that may come up for you in your journey to health and well-being. Just be sure not to force your way through them or push too hard. Precision with your technique and patience with these sequences will allow for all of the benefits yoga has to offer.

Welcome to Find Your Practice.



Our bodies are designed to move. Being still for long periods of time will atrophy our muscles and create tension that makes us feel stuck. Physical health and well-being must include a certain level of mobility. This doesn't mean putting our legs behind our head. We simply want to be able to do basic things like bend over to tie our shoes or reach for a high shelf. Stretching not only increases our range of motion, but it releases stored tension, flushes out waste, brings more oxygen to our muscles and helps to prevent injury.



#### The Stretch Classes will:

- Improve your posture
- Increase blood flow to soft tissues
- Decrease your chance of injury
- Reduce lower back pain



We often think of strength in an aesthetic way. True strength comes from the musculature that is deep inside the body and has very little to do with appearances. We want to develop these muscles so that they can work together and provide stability for any action we perform. Getting strong takes time and should happen in a safe and methodical way. It is true what they say, use it or lose it. Through a conscious yoga practice, we can unlock the power required to build the strength needed to propel us through our lives.



#### The Strength Classes will:

- Help you maintain a healthy weight
- Decrease the chance of osteoporosis
- Improve your overall appearance
- $\bullet$   $\,$  Improve your capacity to perform daily tasks



Our yoga practice will ultimately bring our bodies into balance, but this can only happen if we work properly in each pose. It is of utmost importance to create an alignment template that facilitates space in the body while supporting it. When we learn these poses, having the correct form will allow us to grow in our practice. Sloppy yoga doesn't help anyone. We bring the body into balance by aligning the spine, pelvis and limbs. Precise and clear adjustments lead to openness and unites our strength with our flexibility.



#### The Align Classes will:

- Help decrease the wearing of joints
- Prevent fatigue by allowing the body to use less energy
- Prevent backache and muscular pain
- Ensure that your muscles are being used properly

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